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SUBJECT: R/V EASTWARD - GULF OF PARIA CLEARANCE REQUEST

1. PRIVATE VESSEL R/V EASTWARD, OPERATED BY DUKE UNIV, IS PLANNING RESEARCH IN GULF OF PARIA. PROJECT IS FUNDED BY NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AND WILL BE CONDUCTED DURING PERIOD 30 JAN THROUGH 9 FEB 1976.

2. PURPOSE OF RESEARCH IS TO STUDY RADIOLARIA IN ITS LIVING AND FOSSIL FORM. THREE PHENOMENA RELATED TO RADIOLARIA WILL BE STUDIED. THESE INCLUDE (A) EFFECT OF LARGE-SCALE FRESHWATER DISCHARGE ON MARINE MICROZOOPLANKTON IN A RESTRICTED BASIN WILL BE INVESTIGATED BY COLLECTING PLANKTON AND SALINITY TEMPERATURE VS. DEPTH DATA; (B) WATER SAMPLES NEAR MOUTH OF ORINOCO WILL BE COLLECTED FOR TRACE METAL ANALYSIS; (C) A DETAILED PISTON CORING PROGRAM WILL BE UNDERTAKEN IN VICINITY OF SOLDATO ROCK TO MAP AND CORRELATE THE OCCURRENCE OF LOWER TERRITORY SEDIMENTS. SHIP'S TRACK WILL BE FORWARDED VIA UNCLASSIFIED

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AIRGRAM. CHIEF SCIENTIST IS ROBERT M. GOLL.

3. EQUIPMENT USED WILL CONSIST OF NISKIN AND NANSEN BOTTLES, PISTON CORING EQUIPMENT, PINGERS, AND GRAB SAMPLES.

4. SHIP'S CAPTAIN IS R. SANDOY WITH CREW OF 15 AND SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF 15. VESSELS CALL SIGN IS WY-9219, AND MAINTAINS DAILY CONTACT WITH DUKE UNIV. VESSEL IS 284GROSS TONS, 117.6 FT LONG, AND HAS DRAFT OF 12.5 FT. THERE IS SPACE AVAILABLE FOR SIX PARTICIPATING SCIENTISTS, PRESUMABLY THREE EACH FROM VENEZUELA AND TRINIDAD.

5. SHIP WILL MAKE PORT CALLS AT PORT OF SPAIN ON 27-29 JAN AND SAN JUAN ON 9-10 FEB. PORT CALLS WILL BE ARRANGED BY SHIP'S AGENT.

6. ACTION REQUESTED:

A. GOV AND GOT CLEARANCE FOR CONTINENTAL SHELF AND TERRITORIAL WATER RESEARCH BY R/V EASTWARD DURING PERIOD 30 JAN THROUGH 9 FEB 1976.

B. INVITE FOREIGN PARTICIPATION AND STRESS ALL DATA RESULTS WILL BE SHARED WITH GOV AND GOT. KISSINGER

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